



State of Maine Board of Corrections

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Augusta, ME 04333-0111



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Budget
Education
Inventory of Needs
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Mental Health/Substance
Abuse
Pharmacy
Pretrial/Diversion/Alternative
Transportation
Victim Services

Senator Stanley J. Gerzofsky
Representative Anne Haskell
All Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
100 State House Station
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Dear Senator Stan Gerzofsky, Representative Anne M. Haskell and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:

We are pleased to transmit the attached Annual Report of the Board of Corrections and are confident that the report and the attached documentation fulfill the Board's statutory report requirement established in PL 2008, Chapter 653 and pursuant to 34-A MRSA sections 1803 subsection 10.

This statute requires the Board of Corrections to report annually to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. It also requires the submittal of any recommendations for amending laws related to the unified correctional system or the board.

As the Board of Corrections enters its second year it is important to remember that the opportunities and challenges to Maine's corrections unification strategy are great. We believe that the Board has worked effectively to partner with county and regional correctional facilities to effect meaningful change in the system; change that prioritizes better use of financial and personnel resources and facilities.

The Board continues to work with the Maine Department of Corrections to share resources, avoid costs, and use existing and design new data collection systems that will inform future decision making.

These are challenging times. Now more than ever we need to invest in this visionary initiative to develop and implement a unified correctional system that demonstrates sound fiscal management, achieves efficiencies, and reduces recidivism while ensuring the safety and security of correctional staff, inmates, visitors, volunteers and communities.

We look forward to working with your Committee in the weeks ahead. Please let me know, if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Neale A. Duffett
Chairman of the Board of Corrections

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Enclosure